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*project*Pilot Study of the Smoking Habits of Age Center Members

Dear Dr. Hockett:

This letter is to report to you informally on the "Smoking Study."

The response of our members to our smoking questionnaire was prompt. Over a 65% reply was received by early September. As I expected, Dr. Whiskin and certain of our other scientists became intrigued with the task and my problems have been to keep them within reasonable bounds.

The smoking data and the demographic, medical and psychological data in the form the scientists wished was sent some weeks ago to Littauer Statistical Laboratory at Harvard which we normally use for IBM calculations. There has occurred a predictable but unexpected delay in this data processing which should have been completed before now. Apparently we are trying to do too many things in too short a period of time and the programing became both complicated and expensive. I think the appropriate decisions have now been made and the correlations should be in our hands shortly. Some rearrangement of time assigned to this project has taken place and as soon as the analyzed data is completed we will be able to proceed expeditiously with its consideration.

In general, things seem to be under control but tentative conclusions will be reached somewhat later than I had hoped. Current conferences, however, indicate that the findings will also be richer.

Sincerely,

/s/ Hugh Cabot  
Chairman

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